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STATE AUDITORS OFFICE

The Honorable Nicole Galloway
 State Auditor
 State Capitol Building
 Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Petition approval request from Sherri Talbott regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to Article IX (2022-057)

Dear Auditor Galloway:

Enclosed please find an initiative petition sample sheet for a proposal to amend the Missouri Constitution filed by Sherri Talbott on August 25, 2021.

We are referring the enclosed petition sample sheet to you for the purposes of preparing a fiscal note and fiscal note summary as required by Section 116.332, RSMo. Section 116.175.2, RSMo requires the state auditor to forward the fiscal note and fiscal note summary to the attorney general within twenty days of receipt of the petition sample sheet.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John R. Ashcroft

cc: Hon. Eric S. Schmitt
 Sheri Hoffman
 Trish Vincent

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not a registered voter.

County: _____

INITIATIVE PETITION

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To the Honorable John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State for the state of Missouri:
We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and _____ County (or City of St. Louis), respectfully order that the following proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval or rejection, at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022, and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and _____ County (or City of St. Louis); my registered voting address and the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

[OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE]

CIRCULATORS AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF _____, I, _____ being first duly sworn, say (print names of signers)

NAME (Signature)	DATE Signed	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Number)(Street), (City, Town Or Village)	ZIP CODE	CONG. DIST.	NAME (Printed or Typed)
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signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence: I believe that each has stated his or her name, registered voting address and city, town or village correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter of the state of Missouri and _____ County (or city of St. Louis). FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY. I am at least 18 years of age. I do _____ do not _____ (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition. If paid, list the payer: _____, A.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D.

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)

Street Address of Affiant

Printed Name of Affiant

City, State and Zip Code of Affiant

Signature of Notary

Address of Notary

(Seal)

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Article IX of the Constitution is revised by amending Section 3(a), and adopting 1 new section to be known as Article IX, Section 2(c) to read as follows:

Section 2(c). The board shall implement and supervise a uniform method of evaluation and accreditation that shall apply to all public elementary and secondary schools receiving their funding under Section 3(a) of this Article.

Section 3(a) All appropriations by the state for the support of free public schools and the income from the public school fund shall be paid at least annually and distributed according to law. In order to effectuate the purposes of Section 1(a) of this article, and to preserve available general revenue for the education of students in public schools, the state shall not appropriate or pay public funds for any program, nor authorize or implement vouchers or tax credits, with the purpose or effect of providing tuition subsidies or subsidizing other costs of student attendance or employment at non-public elementary or secondary schools, including implementing any program authorized by legislation previously enacted. This section does not prohibit:

i) income tax deductions or exclusions from adjusted gross income that, pursuant to state taxation law, merely duplicate federal income tax deductions, including charitable deductions, or exclusions from adjusted gross income;

ii) any state income tax credit, deduction, or exclusion from adjusted gross income that does not have the purpose or effect of providing tuition subsidies or subsidizing other costs of student attendance or employment at non-public elementary or secondary schools;

iii) payment of the state's costs related to the placement of a special education student in a private facility as mandated by federal law;

iv) payments made pursuant to a voluntary contract between a public school district and a non-public elementary or secondary school under which the non-public entity provides services to the public school district for the benefit of a student concurrently enrolled in the district; or

v) payment of costs related to the education of wards of the state, children in foster care or pursuant to court order.

The term "tax credit" as used herein includes a tax incentive which allows eligible taxpayers to subtract the amount of the tax credit they have accrued from taxes owed to the state. The term "voucher" as used herein includes government funding for students to attend nonpublic elementary or secondary schools.